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MAGNIFICENT MARINO MINI MARATHON RESPONSE



Well done to Lorraine and her eight fellow participants who undertook their own 10k mini marathon on the 6th of June last. Lorraine and her team undertook their usual mini-marathon covering the 10km up and down Griffith Avenue. As always it was a most successful event raising €5,450 for

Mary's Meals.

Our runners

Lt.- Rt. Catherine Ward,
Marie Briody, Emer O' Leary,
Maria Fogarty, Lorraine
Doran, Dympna Craig,
Rosaleen Fitzpatrick, Aisling
Murphy, Roisin Mc Cannon

Mary's Meals is an international charity that is not too well known in Ireland. It sprung from a Scottish Charity called Scottish International Relief which was involved in bringing aid to sufferers after the conflict in Bosnia in 1992. The Charity continued receiving donations after its work there. One of the founders, on aid work in Malawi, having been influenced by the child of a woman dying of Aids undertook with the Board to feed as many children in these areas as they could. The child's simple request touched their hearts, and this response continues to touch many hearts

worldwide today. All that the child asked for was enough to eat so he could go to school every day to get an education to help his family.

Today, Marys Meals feed 1,838,859 of the world's poorest children every day they attend school. This simple but effective approach has gathered momentum and today they serve children across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and South America.

Mary's Meals also supports a home for young people with HIV who were abandoned as children in Romania.

In the height of this current crisis of pandemic the goodness of people shines out like a beacon of hope for a better future when all the dust settles.

Photo on the right shows Audrey Mc Mahon (fund raiser admin. for Mary's Meals) being presented with a cheque for €5,450 by Lorraine Doran Proceeds from our Marino Mini Marathon on June 6th 2021

“And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.” – Meister Eckhart



Last August our first web-based issue of the newsletter was uploaded to the web. The editorial was based on the words of Jesus where He asked us to place our trust in Him. At that time, we were in a lull before the second wave of the Covid-19 virus hit. In that piece we reflected on what one could call the fruits of the pandemic. Not just the negative side, the family losses through deaths of loved ones, the loss of jobs and so on, the illness itself and its ravages among people, but we also reflected on the outpouring of goodness and support as the country came to grips with new ways of living. At that time of year when the Autumn is always about the Harvest and about

being ready for the Winter, we could take comfort from that communal support. All had changed but goodness was a powerful antidote to any despair or hopelessness we felt. It was a time in which the words of the philosopher, Albert Camus, seemed so very apt, when he said, “Autumn is a second Spring where every leaf is a flower”. As in Nature so also in the scientific world did every thought and idea blossom into what is a lifesaver for all of us, a successful vaccine. That natural nurturing in nature was also happening in the brains of scientists worldwide. The fruits of that labour are to be seen as almost everyone has or will get shortly a vaccine. From the depths of despair, we now have four vaccines available and more treatments to deal with different variants.

Little did we know then that one year later we have a population which is gradually coming back to living some semblance of a normal life. Thus, we can consider again the words of Meister Eckhart and try to rework our lives and our society in a new way which perhaps reflects the talents and the gifts which the pandemic brought to the fore, where we renew communal values, where families now take on their role in building different and caring communities. A new beginning where we are all valued, young and old, rich, and poor. Autumn is still about sharing, sharing the fruits of our labours, enjoying the benefits of them with others. Amid our plenty at this time we must continue to pray that the vaccines available to us will be shared with all the peoples of the world. We know that there are many countries which are not stable enough to deliver vaccination programmes, but we must try and support those charities which endeavour to treat these communities, while also encouraging our Government to continue to do its share in supporting the worldwide effort to vaccinate everyone if possible.

Pope Francis has called for a new approach to health care where it becomes a given that every citizen should have decent medical treatment. The Pope said that “God the creator instils in our hearts a new and generous spirit to abandon our individualism and promote the common good: a spirit of justice that mobilizes us to ensure universal access to vaccines and the temporary suspension of intellectual property rights; a spirit of communion that allows us to generate a different, more inclusive, just and sustainable economic model.”

A new beginning certainly if we take this path.

The Papal Letter on the Tridentine Rite



Pope Francis has recently issued a Papal letter, entitled the Custodians of Tradition. In his letter he explains that having consulted widely with his brother Bishops as is the tradition of the Church governance, he has issued a decree which restricts the use of the Tridentine Mass. This has been necessary because it was felt that the genuine caring motives which drove Saint Pope John Paul 11 and Pope Emeritus Benedict to continue to allow the Latin or Tridentine rite to be

used had been overtaken by the way the Tridentine Rite was being seen.

In some countries the Rite and its followers and proponents had seen their following as representative of an alternative view of the Church. For more extreme proponents of the Rite, it led to adopting a position which considered the Vatican Council of 1962 to be invalid. It also created a sense in which the very legitimacy of Pope Francis' Papacy was called into question.

The letter does not ban the Tridentine Rite outright, but it requires local Bishops to determine with groups who wish to worship in the Tridentine form that the reforms of Vatican 11 are not being resisted and that the Communion of the Eucharist with all of the faithful was not lost.

While this letter will cause upset to some who believe in the beauty and ceremonial of the Mass in this form, the significance of the Communion of Christ with each of us in a shared public way can be lost. It can be more about the Celebrant and the people being separated by a spiritual divide rather than the joy of the Communal celebrations of the early Church.

Pope Francis was at pains to remind the faithful that the Rite had been permitted to avoid schism but that today there was a real danger of such thinking coming to the fore.

The Mass in Latin is of course permitted in the New Rite with appropriate use of the vernacular and including the reforms of Vatican 11.

Photo: The Supper at Emmaus by Caravaggio

"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage, and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet it with peace."

- St. Edith Stein/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Pat on tap



August 2021

Hi Everyone

Did you get your vaccination Certificate yet? Your new freedom card. There are many varied opinions regarding the use/ misuse of the same card regarding who can do what. When we were told that they were being issued I awaited its arrival checking the post every morning as we were to receive our by post having received our vaccination from our G.P. Eventually we received one but

it was for my better half. This didn't go down too well with me as I received my last vaccination on the day her majesty received her first one. I was on the verge of writing a nasty letter to all concerned for being slighted in such a fashion when I received it the very next day. This only goes to prove its better to let things settle before you explode. Having received the cert I now wonder why I was so anxious to receive it as I have little inclination to travel in the present situation regarding Delta and other variations of the Covid. Not too sure that I want to go dining or drinking indoors certainly not in the present heat wave which we still have as I write these ramblings.

Anyhow it's good to know that I have the choice but don't really like the idea that many of our fellow citizens don't have that choice. It's hard to have a solution that's fair to everyone and still safe but please God the powers that be will eventually come up with a system that's fair to all.

Before the change to indoor dining/drinking we were celebrating our wedding anniversary and decided to pay a visit to our favourite garden centre and to have a meal sitting outside our favourite pub cum restaurant. Both these establishments are on the south side. So we had our passports at hand. I always feel that I'm in a different country when we venture over there. Anyhow we arrived found the pub open with plenty of outdoor space and a convenient car park across the road which was good as they had converted their car park into an eating area.

This place was famous for its varied menu, and everything was always excellent but, unfortunately there was a very limited menu and when we made our selection the food wasn't up to the standard that we expected. We should have realised this as there was very few people availing of their services. On reflection, one didn't see any of the usual staff and we wondered if the business was taken over by new people. I'm sure that has happened to quite a number of Restaurants and Pubs having been closed for so long and wouldn't be surprised if some of them never open. Anyway, we won't mention the dinner.

It's good to see that Graingers has opened up under new management It is now called The 1884 which I understand refers to the year that the GAA was founded. I take this opportunity to wish them well with their venture. We should have stayed local and gave them a try. I only hope that other indoor activities can recommence in the next few weeks. I miss my art group and my indoor bowls. I'm sure that many of you miss your clubs that meet indoors and are anxious to resume soon.

The painting that I am sharing this time is of "The Wooden Bridge Dollymount" acrylic on canvas. Guess Costa De Dollymount is a far as most of us will be going this year. The water was always freezing there. I can remember my teeth chattering for a week after coming out of the water in Dollymount. It's probably one of the reasons that I never learned to swim. I have it on good authority that the water there is pleasantly warm as I write this; it could have changed back by the time you read it so don't blame me. Anyhow enjoy the good weather when it last and get out and about when you can.

God Bless for now. Pat

In Appreciation: the late Raoul Essig



The Newsletter team have been devastated with the recent death of our highly skilled Graphic Designer and lay out artist. He would be very annoyed at such a title but that was what Raoul was to our little team.

For the past twelve years since he came on board to volunteer his skills to the parish and to the team he has been integral in making the Parish newsletter such a well presented and laid out Newsletter. With Raoul this was not just about technique but it was about how do we encourage people in the parish to read it first before it goes in the green bin. He was never satisfied with mediocrity. He ensured that everything going to the printer was perfect. When it came to supporting local businesses and deriving income for the

newsletter Raoul made sure that each ad was given the best presentation that he could give it.

Raoul was responsible for the design of the last parish Directory and also for designing the late Mary O'Mahony's recipe book. Mary was also part of the team from early on. Not only had he all those skills but he was a practising Christian. The Commandments were not just words. They were for life and to be lived. He shared all of his talents with his neighbours, with the wider parish taking photographs and helping in anyway he could. Baking cakes for sales of work and Coffee mornings came easy to him. Nothing was ever difficult.

To the team he was a loyal friend, a supportive and encouraging person. He brought his unique gift for friendship to all those he came in contact with. His view of being part of parish life was to be in communion with all, to encourage, to ensure that parish life would live going forward.

We have lost a true friend, his wife Deirdre has lost a loving husband, and his children Raoul Junior and Catherine a loving and devoted father and also a proud father. His son-in-law Baptiste and his grandson Killian have lost the support and example of a kind and generous man, and a grandparent with so much to pass on. His loss is keenly felt by his niece, Jennifer, and his grand niece Alice, who along with Liam, Deirdre's nephew formed a great support team during his illness. He is also mourned by his brother Mark, and his two nephews, Jimmy and Raoul.

All we can do is to continue as he would want, remembering his ideals and his simple faith, whose exemplar was always the humble Christ, the man riding on a donkey without possessions or pomp.

For a man born in Switzerland, a one time immigrant, the Kingdom of Kerry was his favourite Irish destination. It would be fitting to remember him with the words of Peig Sayers son, Miceal who only felt alive when on the Blaskets,

"A person's life races on in the exact same way that a wind lifts the mist from the shoulders of a mountain. My life, too, is nearly done.

The gladness and gaiety, the run and the jump, the laughter and brightness and mirth are gone from me."



Nature Notes



When we view photographs of the Church and Griffith Avenue over eighty years ago we can just see the young saplings standing bare against the outline of the Church, with buses and people in scale. What a change has come to Griffith Avenue since then.

We can only be grateful for the foresight of those people who decided to make the avenue a tree lined boulevard in the French style, and who have left us a rich legacy of mature trees. Today the trees have grown to great heights and formed a perfect bower along each side of the Avenue.

Griffith Avenue trees are a study in themselves, not only to catalogue all the different trees, but because they are surrounded by trees from the old Marino Demesne, and further enhanced by the continuous tree planting of the City Council. We may criticise the Council but when they get it right, it gives us a marvellous gift, shade in summer, colour in autumn, and the nature that goes with trees.

The Avenue has two main tree species forming the walkways, namely the London plane and the Sycamore. It also has Beech and Copper Beech, with some Ash, the Common Lime, and Silver Birch. The crowning glory in Autumn of course is the Horse Chestnut, beloved of all the children. However we shouldn't ignore the seedlings of the Plane and the Sycamore as they whirl to the ground, like helicopters. The differing tree species give us a beautiful tapestry of varying shades of green, with the distinctive bark of each tree adding to the interest of a walk along the avenue.



Photo: A copper beech on the Avenue

Also, look out for the flowering crab trees on Philipsburgh Avenue and elsewhere in Marino, because they fruit as well, with myriads of crab apples on the pavement for the birds to eat. Due to the abundance of small fruits on the pavement they do cause a bit of a nuisance. It reminds that with flowers on trees comes fruit in due season, be it berry or larger.

For people who are interested, there are a number of books on Irish trees, and these are well worth reading for interest and pleasure.

On a different note, we won't feel until our summer visitors, the swallows and swifts are on their long journey back to Africa.

Always a sad time for those of us who remember Paraic Pearse's little story Eoinín na nÉin

Gardening in Autumn

The poet Francis Ledwidge has written in his poem "August" the following lines



A vegetable marrow in flower

"I'll watch her down the red barn wall
Take down her rusty scythe, and call,
And I will follow her away."

And so August and September is a time for harvesting and cutting, especially for those who have fruit trees and are lucky to have a vegetable garden. We should harvest vegetables and fruit as they come into season, making sure to clean the ground of weeds, if in the vegetable garden.

Fruiting canes may be staked or thinned out as required now, and black currant bushes should be pruned after fruiting, and when some die back has occurred.

Remove suckers and stray shoots from woody plants where necessary. Continue to dead head late summer bedding plants, and prune back climbing roses if finished flowering. Plant out healthy strawberry runners during August in good soil.

In the greenhouse ease off on feeding your tomatoes, and if the weather is still humid watch out for blight. Be careful to ensure your tomatoes are watered consistently to avoid bottom end rot, which can result from too much or inconsistent watering.

Autumn is a good time to clean up and weed your lawn. You can apply fertiliser at this time, and prepare for resowing if you have any bald patches.

Also make sure your containers are well watered and also your hanging baskets. We often forget them if we have any bit of rain.

You can also begin some trimming back of any hedges and shrubs that have finished flowering.

If you are blessed with apples or pears in the garden watch out for wasps, as they love fallen and damaged fruit, and can be nasty if annoyed. Also be wary if you find a nest of wasps and deal with them only if you have prepared yourself well. Proprietary products are available, even though one is loathe to destroy insects which are a part of the balance of nature.

And since Autumn is of harvest time and fruit let's finish with some more poetry, about apple trees....

"And gallons of sweet cider seen
On trees in apples red and green."

Lord's Prayer in a U.S. School

*Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.*

*If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.*

*Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene..
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.*

*For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all..
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State..*

*We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...
They've not outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.*

*We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles...
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.*

*It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!
Amen*

Editors Note: The above has been widely circulated and attributed to a 15-year-old school pupil in Minnesota. However, there is some doubt as to its provenance as it has appeared in shorter and longer versions throughout the U.S. It is worth noting that the ban on religion in the U.S. refers only to religion provided as part of the school curriculum or part of the official school routine. Pupils are free to pray and to perform religious observances in their own time on school grounds, and for example form Bible study classes outside of formal school timetabling.

First Holy Communion and Confirmations

In a letter to all priests in the Archdiocese, the Archbishop Dr. Dermot Farrell has advised priest to go ahead with First Holy Communions if they think that it is safe to do so. He has said that while he still believes the celebration of the sacraments should be deferred until the autumn, he will not stand in the way of parishes considering going ahead with the ceremonies.



If they wish to do so he has asked that they hold short, simple, and small ceremonies and to ensure that public health advice and guidelines are strictly adhered to.

He expressed regret that the Government had not responded to a letter from the country's Catholic archbishops which was sent last week.

In the letter, the archbishops informed the Taoiseach that the celebration of the sacraments might resume in some parishes from mid-August.

This decision was reached following the relaxation of restrictions in other areas and the success of the vaccination programme thus far.

In his letter to priests in the Dublin diocese, Dr Farrell said it was perplexing that restrictions on celebrations of the sacraments remain in place on the grounds that they may lead to family gatherings while none applied to other events such as sporting events, birthdays, or weddings.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily since July. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience is offered, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.

Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org



Where have all the young..... gone?



Sometimes we see absences more than presence. In the last eighteen months of pandemic and lockdown we have seen older friends disappear, old certainties have vanished like a dream and we wonder what is happening to our world and to our Church, where services and practice have been so curtailed.

Before all this happened we had looked at the absence of our golden youth, who were present in our churches only on special occasions or so it seemed.

Yet the past eighteen months has seen a great concentration on how the pandemic would have a long term impact on our

children and young people. It was as if the media were taken up with what opportunities would be lost. Nowhere did any one look at the resilience of youth, their resourcefulness and their ability to find time and space for themselves. Youth is always a difficult time to negotiate but it is also a place of learning not just in school but on the street, from events, even from crises.

An eminent psychiatrist commenting on the Indonesian children trapped in the cave spoke about how unaffected the children were after the event. The reason it seemed to her was that they returned to a warm welcoming family and community which gave them back their sense of security in the world.

As we move into a new world that is our task as a society and as parents and grandparents to provide that framework where we support, encourage and lead by example the young. Pope Francis has spoken of the gift of young people to the world. He has said "I know that you are capable of acts of great friendship and goodness. With these you are called to build the future, together with others and for others, but never against anyone! You will do amazing things if you prepare well".

During his pontificate so far Pope Francis has spoken many times to young people all over the globe about the need for youth to be engaged with the world. He has asked them to learn and look at the social issue, the environment and he has praised them for so much good, and unselfish work that they do.

In our own little community in Marino we have seen that commitment from young people especially since the lockdown.

Having a life around the Church and in the faith is a much more difficult task for young people today. Being spiritual is something which we know young people to be, but in a world of the app and the various other distractions, faith is sometimes parked. It is also true that whenever a senior church person speaks out about some issue, social media tends to rehash the sins of church people. Nowhere is there credit given to the people of God who continue to be members of the Church, who pray and work towards healing. It would be marvellous if we could show our young people what we and their parents and grandparents find spiritually within the Church and the Sacraments.

Pope Francis has also challenged all of us who are older or work in parishes to see how we can integrate our young more into the parish community. If they are the future of the Church then we must do more and not complain about their absence.

Our opening lines refer to the 60's song by Pete Seeger which was an anti-war song, about the flower of American youth wasted in a useless war in Vietnam. We too must ensure that our youth are given the chance to stand back from the virtual world of the app and the cyber life and reconnect about many of the issues which Church teaching and young people can have no disagreement.

Perhaps the two new initiatives on the family and on renewal in parishes will plot a way forward where the generations can come together in hope and in faith. These two initiatives have hope as their main theme. The Archbishop says "We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today".

For further information on these two initiatives check the diocesan website on www.dublindiocese.ie

The legion of Mary: Celebrating 100 years



On the twenty first of September next, one of the great Catholic movements of the twentieth century will celebrate its centenary. The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff who was born in Dublin in 1889. He entered the Civil Service aged 18 and joined the Society of st. Vincent de Paul at the age of twenty-four. His work with the Society amongst the poor of Dublin city, especially around the city centre encouraged him to think more widely about how to respond to the social and moral issues of the time. Driven by a great devotion to Our Lady in the Rosary and as the Mother of God and of the Church with a group of Catholic women and Father Michael Toher, a diocesan priest, he formed the first praesidium of the Legion of Mary on September 7, 1921. From that date until his death, November 7, 1980, he guided the world-wide extension of the Legion

with heroic dedication.

Frank Duff had a deep understanding of the role of the Blessed Mother in the Redemption of all. His prayer life centred on the Divine Office and the Rosary. The Legion saw its role as helping to enhance the spiritual and social welfare of each individual hence its development of the Regina Coeli hostel. The dignity of each person was its focus. Its members were enjoined to encourage a prayer life in themselves and thus to help others with and through prayer and good works. Today the legion has a strong presence in over 160 countries. That first meeting on the seventh of September in Myra House in Francis Street, set in train the movement which was a source of support and grace for the Church and for the multitude of members over those hundred years. At a time when the work of the lay faithful in the life of the Church is never more necessary, the example of these members is a spur to all.



The work of the Legion is not just spiritual but has made huge contributions in improving social conditions in many countries of the world. Its work is achieved through the personal service and devotion of its members. The model which Frank Duff espoused was one where the love and mercy of God was brought into people's lives through personal contact and in seeing and serving Christ in all those on the margins.

In this Centenary year, a series of Reflective events will be held in Dublin and throughout Ireland where the local Praesidia will work with the Church in each diocese.

In this past century the founder Frank Duff, has been identified as one whose life merits the process of Beatification, and the first step was taken in declaring him a Servant of God. Also judged to have lived a life of sanctity and service is the Venerable Edel Quinn, who as legion Envoy in East Africa gave her life while spreading the work of the legion. Also recognised by the Church for his spiritual work and commitment to the legion ideals in South America is Servant of God, Alfie Lambe.

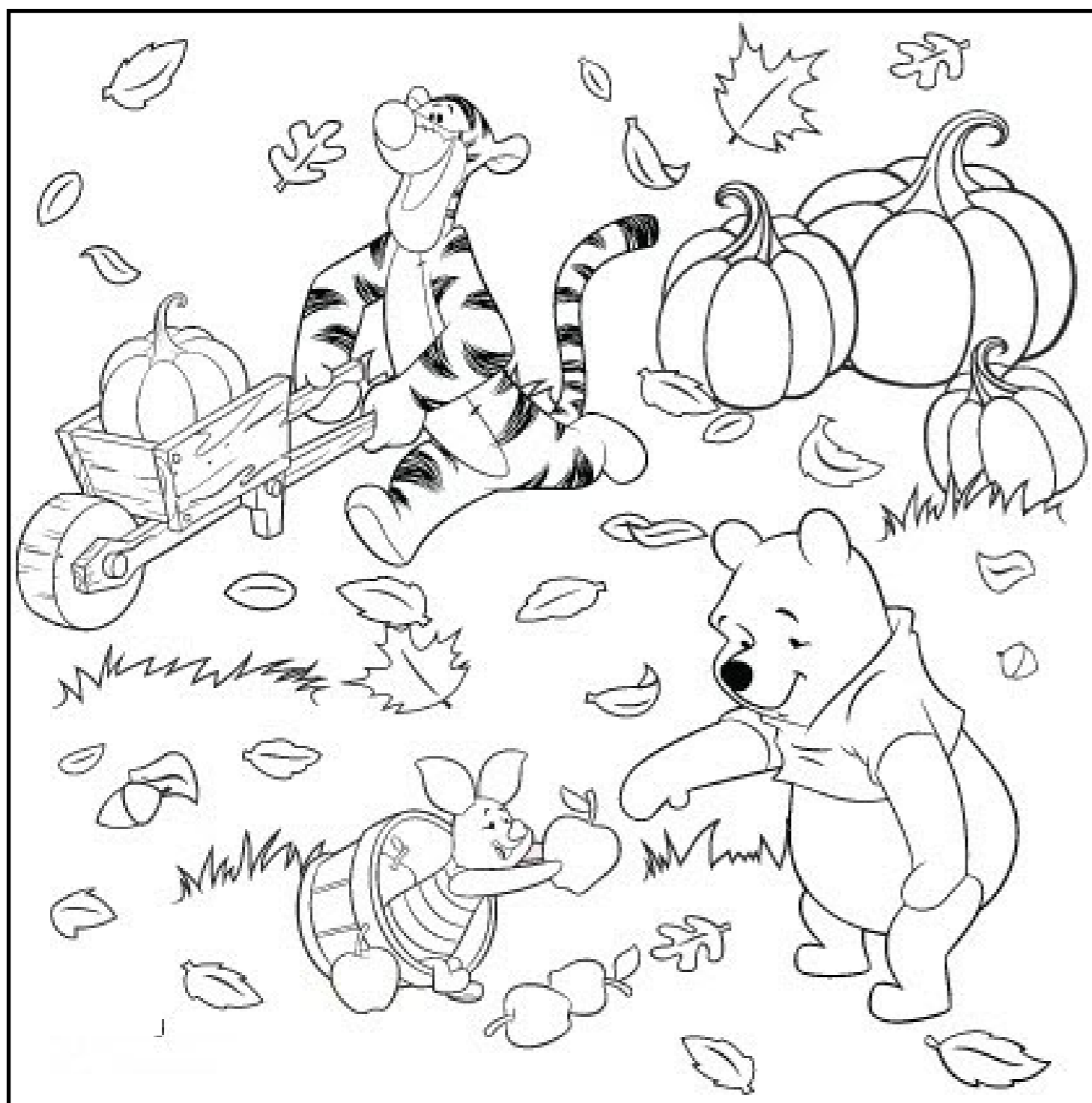
Indeed, it is our wish and prayer that those who have worked tirelessly through their lives to foster the spirit of the Legion will celebrate this centenary in the knowledge that a remarkable work of Catholic action commenced from that first meeting.



Venerable Edel Quinn



Servant of God, Alfie Lambe



Autumn Colouring Competition

Welcome to all our young readers who have loyally entered for the Art competition in our normal Newsletter. To enter this competition, you must print off this page and colour in as usual.

You can either print it directly to your printer or download the page and then print it. The pages are in PDF format and if you can't manage it ask someone in the family to do it for you.

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address on the back of the page and drop your entries into the parish office at Marino Church, before the 17th. September 2021.

Please do keep entering as it a great encouragement to our judges and our editorial team, when we see so much young talent and interest, especially as our newsletter is on the web for the time being.

Gift tokens for the winning entries. The upper age limit is 12 years. Results published in the next newsletter, and the judges' decision is final.

In line with Child Protection Policy please do not give children's mobile phone numbers.

We also leave out house numbers in the publication to maintain anonymity .

Summer Competition Winners

1st prize : Sadbh Breen

Joint Second prize: : Isabella Wusu, Sean Friel

Third Prize: Saoirse Breen

Special Prize for youngest entrant: Grace Friel

Closing date for the next Competition is 17th September 2021